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Abstract

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In order to develop a rear-view mirror for a vehicle, with a reflective surface, in such a way that the rear-view mirror can firstly provide the driver of the vehicle with depth information based on a physical measurement, and is also capable of displaying further information which is important to the driver, without causing the driver to change viewing direction, the reflective surface (1) in a rear-view mirror, at least in a subarea, is equipped with a display (3) with a reflective background, the display (3) being capable of displaying text symbols and/or pictograms. In this case, the reflective surface (1), in spite of the inserted information, is intended to remain usable over virtually the entire area for depicting objects located behind the vehicle, and also to require no built-on fittings on the rear-view mirror.